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LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council dated 5 May 1995 (S/1995/361), I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement made by the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey in Ankara on 1 May 1995 and issued as a press release in New York on 8 May 1995.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
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Annex

Statement by the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey dated 1 May 1995

Recently, there have been speculations in the press pertaining to the so-called redemarcation of the border between Turkey and Iraq, without any loss of land by either side, in order to prevent the PKK (Kurdish Workers' Party) terror organization's infiltration.

There has been no decision whatsoever by the Government of Turkey for a new border arrangement with Iraq. Neither have there been consultations with the Iraqi Government on this issue. Therefore, all the press reports in that regard are totally unfounded and constitute a misrepresentation of the facts.

Although there have been talks with local leaders in northern Iraq on border security issues, the redemarcation of the Turkish-Iraqi border has not been an issue on the agenda of these discussions.